

## ACTUAL COUNT OF CHILDREN OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AGE SHOWS 2011 RESIDING HERE

The estimated enrollment of Torrance City School District for the coming school year is 2011, based on actual names now on file in the school administrative office with the exception of kindergarten, according to Superintendent of Schools J. H. Hull.

This figure, as has been pointed out in the past, is about 500 in excess of previous estimates of the number of elementary children which has been furnished by Los Angeles city schools.

Each child is being charted on a "spot map" of Torrance so that the superintendent and the Board of Education can at all times have an immediate picture as to the location and shifts of school population.

Mrs. Grace W. Wright, vice president of the Torrance City Board of Education, and Mrs. Evelyn L. Carr, secretary of the Board, each have been devoting three days each week to preparation of the spot map, due to the fact that the school district is without funds, to hire secretarial help until July 1.

The estimate of 2011 is based on present population, it was pointed out, and the figure will be considerably increased as hundreds of new homes now being built in Torrance are completed and occupied.

Also, Superintendent Hull pointed out, the figure does not include children of residents of the shoeing strip area east of Torrance who have been attending Torrance schools.

Following is a break down of the figures the superintendent has released on actual count:

Kindergarten	250
1st Grade	247
2nd Grade	291
3rd Grade	235
4th Grade	205
5th Grade	202
6th Grade	183
7th Grade	197
8th Grade	176
Hollywood Riviera (all grades)	26
Total	2011

## Memorial Day Closing To Be Observed Here

The Torrance Herald office, like most all business houses of Torrance, will be closed tomorrow, Memorial Day.

The office will be open from 8 a. m. to 12 noon on Saturday, May 31.

All public offices, banks, food stores, mercantile establishments and most other business houses likewise will observe Memorial Day. The banks and many stores, public offices also will close on Saturday.

## TORRANCE MAN FINED \$100 FOR DRUNK DRIVING

Oscar L. Yoakum, of 800 W. 220th st., in City Court Friday pleaded guilty to a charge of driving while intoxicated. Arrested May 17, Yoakum was fined \$100 at his hearing Friday by Acting Judge Otto B. Willett.

## IN MEMORIAM

Torrance tomorrow will pause to remember in due reverence the following sons and daughters of the community who gave their lives that the Democracy which we enjoy today might live:

LOUIS ALVAREZ  
OLIN BARKDULL  
RUDOLPH KARL BERNASCONI  
ARNOLD L. BLIEFERNICH  
KENNETH BROOKS  
CLAUDE BRUCE  
BRYSON L. BURKHOLDER  
ARCHIE B. CARAWAY  
DARIO CHAVEZ  
ERNEST P. COBURN  
GEORGE H. COBURN  
BERT S. CROSSLAND  
DOUGLAS CRAWFORD  
DAN E. CUNNINGHAM  
JAMES K. DANIEL  
FRANCIS DIETLIN  
THOMAS DILKES  
ROBERT R. DOBSON  
JOHN JUNIOR FESS  
NESTER G. FLORES  
JOHN FOLEY, JR.  
JOHN W. FOSTER, JR.  
T. J. FOWLER  
PERRY FRANKLIN  
CHELSEA B. HAMILTON  
JOHN E. HARMON  
JAMES R. HERLETT  
JOHN HILL  
JACK C. HORMELL  
GERALD G. ISBELL  
JESSIE L. JOHNSON  
FRANK L. JONES  
HERMAN W. JONES  
LUPE LARA  
LUCK D. LEGGATE  
LOUIS T. MADORE  
RUBEN E. MERKEL  
GARLAN C. MOODY

ROY MORGAN  
JAMES B. NEWTON  
ROBERT T. NOBLE  
WILLIAM NUNN  
VLADIMIR J. OBDINE  
RICHARD L. O'BRIEN  
ARTHUR T. PARKER  
RAYMOND PENNINGTON  
MILO PLUNKETT  
THERON E. PRICE  
JAMES F. PROWSEN  
FRED QUAGGIN  
FLOYD F. RAMSEY  
JOHN REYNOLDS  
EVERETT V. RICHART  
TONY PEARL ROOMSBURG  
CLARENCE T. SCHEIBLER  
EUGENE SHANER  
AKIRA R. SHIMATSU  
WILLIAM N. SLEETH  
ADDITION F. SMITH  
EDGAR C. SMITH  
ROBERT STAMBOOK  
ALEX D. STEWART  
WILLIAM STEWART  
EUGENE F. STRIEKER  
TED TANOUYE  
RICHARD THAYER  
ROYCE W. TIDWELL  
FREDERICK A. TIFANY  
LEONARD VORHIS  
GEORGE G. WALKER  
RICHARD WASHER  
EARL W. WATSON  
WALTER C. WEST  
IVAN H. WILCOX  
CHARLES W. WORKS

## 'No Buses' Says Council To Plea

A request of the First District Welfare Council for establishment of a bus line on Carlson st. between Torrance and Long Beach, to serve Harbor General hospital, supported by a letter from the Torrance Lions club, was referred Tuesday night to Bus Manager William Murphy.

Councilman W. H. Tolson explained that it is not that the city does not want to serve the area, also North Torrance and other areas not now served, but that they do not have the buses to serve the proposed lines. He said they might have them in 30 days.

The Council has had under consideration for several weeks proposals to provide buses for local and interurban lines, however, but no action has been taken on them to date. They involve the lease-purchase plan or outright rental of buses on a mileage basis.

Meanwhile, residents of outlying districts are expressing impatience regarding the failure to provide transportation for all parts of the city, now that the bus lines are "on their feet" financially.

## Torrance Takes Over Army Airport Following Wrangle Which Results In Resignation of Reed H. Parkin

### Origin of Memorial Day

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC  
Washington, D. C., May 5, 1868  
GENERAL ORDERS NO. 11

1. The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and those bodies now lying in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but Posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the revolve of freedom to a race in chains and their death a tableau of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the Nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going to reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided Republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain to us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with the choicest flowers of spring-time. Let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor. Let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us a sacred charge upon the Nation's gratitude—the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

2. It is the purpose of the Commander-in-Chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this order and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

3. Department commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.

By command of  
JOHN A. LOGAN  
Commander-in-Chief  
N. P. CHIPMAN  
Adjutant-General

## MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES AND PARADE WILL HONOR TORRANCE HEROES FRIDAY

The people of Torrance will join veterans and organized groups in paying tribute tomorrow, Memorial day, to the departed men and women who offered or gave their lives that Democracy might live in the United States of America.

This will be the third annual Memorial day program in Torrance, the first one in 1945\* being marked by the dedication by the City of Torrance of the northeasterly 100-foot section of El Prado park to the memory of departed veterans of Torrance.

Each individual and organized group in Torrance is being asked by the sponsoring committees to assist in the solemn service.

"It is desired that each organization be represented in the parade, which will start at 10 a. m. tomorrow morning," J. G. Caldwell, general chairman, said.

The parade will move from its formation point on Cabrillo ave. at Plaza del Amo north to Sartan ave., then northwesterly to Post ave., southwesterly to Cravens ave. and southeasterly to Marcelina ave., the end of the route of march.

After the parade, at 11 a. m. there will be a Memorial service at Cravens ave. and El Prado park on the ground set aside by the City of Torrance as a lasting memorial to those veterans who gave their lives that we might live in peace today.

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While their apparent indecision brought about the resignation of Reed H. Parkin as chairman and member of the City Aviation Commission, the City Council Tuesday night executed papers for right of entry to the Army-developed Lomita flight strip on former Weston ranch property in South Torrance and thereupon the vast 480-acre field became "Torrance Municipal Airport," or Zamparini Field.

The Council, in its next action, appointed Major E. Y. Tarkington, 3821 Crest Drive, Manhattan Beach, as manager of the airport on a temporary, commission basis. Tarkington formerly managed Kines field, Inglewood, for the Army Air Forces, and has built and operated several air fields in Florida. While the final details of the management of the airport are being worked out, Tarkington is said to have agreed to pay the city 15 percent of the gross income from the airport.

Thus ended months of wrangling during which Parkin, president of Torrance Chamber of Commerce and secretary of Doak Aircraft Co., spent many weeks of his own time ironing out the details and overcoming the hurdles which blocked Torrance entry onto the airport.

With the aid of Rep. Cecil R. King, who has devoted much time to the project, Parkin finally was able to bring about removal of "squating" commercial interests on the field and thus paved the way for occupancy by the city.

The right of entry will be in force until an interim permit is executed.

Parkin turned in his resignation as chairman and member of the Aviation Commission

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He resigned from the force June 1, 1940, but returned as a desk officer to serve during the war emergency until he took a leave of absence April 15\* this year.

Mr. Calder was born April 16, 1867 in Germantown, Pennsylvania, and came to Torrance 24 years ago. He was a member of the Torrance F & AM No. 147.

Services will be conducted this afternoon from Stone & Myers chapel by a member of the Christian Science church. Mrs. Lorraine Ulrich will be the soloist with Tom Ulrich as organist.

Surviving Mr. Calder are his widow, Mrs. Louise M. Calder, a brother Joseph Kerr of Woodland, California; a sister, Florence Holmshaw of San Francisco, and a nephew, Rossob Davis of Los Angeles. Cremation will be at the Pacific Crest Crematory.

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## Miss Carlotta Dean Leading 'Miss Torrance' Contest As End Nears

Miss Carlotta Dean, the American Legion sponsored entry, has the lead for "Miss Torrance of 1947." Carlotta has 28,958 votes. In second place is Rosalie Fortin, 20-30 girl with 25,333 votes. Third is Pat Ream, Rotary girl, with 21,870.

Bettie West, Lions Club girl, is a close fourth with 21,140 votes. Torrance may well be proud of these four girls as they are working to give Torrance a Y.W.C.A. building fund under the sponsorship of the Torrance Junior Woman's club, Mrs. H. L. Wagner Jr., president, said. They will broadcast over station KXLA Friday, May 30 at 1 p. m. The contest ends Saturday at midnight.

The girls also will ride in the Memorial Day parade with Miss Frances Barrington, "Miss Torrance of 1946" who relinquishes her crown on June 5 to the winner of the contest.

Results of the Queen contest up to and including Wednesday May 28, will be posted on the attractive posters in Ray's Studio, Penney's, Torrance Electrical and A&P windows. The contestants' standings Thursday, Friday and Saturday up to midnight will not be posted.

Announcement of the results will be published in the Torrance Herald June 5. Coronation will be that evening, June 5, in the Civic auditorium at the Fiesta. An evening of fun for young and old alike is planned in honor of "Miss Torrance of 1947" and her court, who have given unselfishly of their time and effort to help Torrance have a Y.W.C.A. worthy of this community. Remember, this is the last week you can vote for "Miss Torrance of 1947."

"Help Torrance have a Y.W.C.A. of which she can be proud," said Mrs. Wagner.

"Other communities have a Y.W.C.A. Why can't Torrance? She can and will have, and soon, if the community will support the fund set up by Torrance Junior Woman's club."



ONE OF THESE WILL BE QUEEN . . . "Miss Torrance of 1947" will be picked from these four Torrance beauties this week, the annual contest conducted by the Junior Woman's Club for the benefit of the Y.W.C.A. building fund ending Saturday. Upper left is Miss Carlotta Dean, American Legion entry; upper right, Miss Bettie West, Lions club entry; lower left, Miss Rosalie Fortin, 20-30 club entry, and lower right, Miss Pat Ream, Rotary entry. Scores to date are shown elsewhere on this page and final figures will be revealed in next week's edition of the Torrance Herald.

## ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CITY PENSION PLAN GETS FINAL OKAY; STARTS JULY 1

Torrance city employees will be blanketed under the California State Employees Retirement System on July 1, as a result of action of the City Council in adopting for the final reading Ordinance No. 487, which provides for an agreement between the city and state for conduct of the pension plan.

While the project will cost the taxpayers some \$44,000 a year for the first several years, employees of the city must put up a like amount in wage deductions.

Pensions will be available to those firemen and policemen who have reached the minimum age of 55 and maximum of 60, and other city workers who have reached the minimum of 60 years and maximum of 65 years. Otherwise, retirement will be attained in 20, 25 or 30 years.

Those workers who have reached the retirement age will be eligible for pensions in August by paying into the pension fund a lump sum representing back premiums.

The plan has been hailed throughout the city as a worthwhile and much needed project to give city employees retirement benefits which have been denied them by the Social Security system.

Asked for an opinion by Water Superintendent W. H. Stanger, Otto E. Willett, city attorney, said that in his belief Water department employees cannot participate in the system. He said that he would like to check the matter, since the water employees are employees of a separate tax district embracing an area smaller than the city as a whole.

Stanger brought up the question as to Civil Service requirements at that time, declaring that if the workers cannot participate in the pension plan because they are not "part of the city," they should not have to be bound by the Civil Service ordinance.

The Council voted four to one in favor of the pension ordinance, with Councilman A. L. Jackson dissenting. He said he is not opposed to the pension plan but declared the city should be in better financial condition before adopting the system.

## Herald Office Closed Saturdays

Starting Saturday, May 31, and continuing throughout the months of June, July and August, the office of the Torrance Herald will be closed all day Saturday.

This is in order to give employees the benefit of two-day holidays throughout the summer months, Grover C. Whyte, publisher, announced.

Regular office hours, 8 a. m. to 5 p. m., will be maintained from Monday through Friday.

On Saturday, Sept. 6, the regular 8 a. m. to 12 noon schedule will be resumed.



PERRY PRINCIPAL . . . New principal of Perry school, North Torrance, under the new Torrance City School District, is Robert C. Morton, above, a veteran and graduate of Kansas State Teachers College who now is working for his master's degree in education at Claremont Graduate School, Claremont. He served as principal in Kansas City, Kan., school before coming to California.

## Half Of Teachers Needed By City Schools Accepted

Torrance City School District is well over the half-way mark in hiring of teachers for the first year of independent operation of the schools of Torrance, Superintendent J. H. Hull said yesterday.

He said that of the 67 teachers needed to conduct classes in grades kindergarten through eighth grade next year, some 35 of the hundreds already interviewed have been accepted.

Actual signing of contracts now is in progress, as authorized by the Torrance Board of Education.

Superintendent Hull declared that every effort is being made to secure younger teachers, and that in some instances those of emergency status are being accepted. However, he said, in the majority of cases teachers hired are fully certificated.

The superintendent again appealed to Torrance property owners to keep in mind the housing problem being faced by the teachers and administrators. He urged those who will have apartments, houses or rooms available to register their accommodations with the school administrative offices for occupancy by school employees.

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## National Guard Occupies Office At Local Airport

In keeping with the agreement between the City Council of Torrance and the office of the Adjutant General of California, to provide a site for National Guard quarters on Torrance Municipal airport, when acquired from the Federal government, active duty men of the 578th Combat Engineers, California National Guard, occupied the administration building at the airport yesterday.

On authority of Mayor J. Hugh Sherfy Jr. and the City Council, the transfer of men and equipment from Torrance ball park to the airport administration building was carried out on orders of 40th Division headquarters by Major R. L. Lewellen, assistant executive officer of the 578th.

Regular drill periods will continue for the time being at Torrance ball park, Major Lewellen said, but permanent quarters are to be set up on the vast airport

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